increase productivity, is being undertaken generally in consultation with the Dock Workers Unions.

Tender Norms for Bidders/Contractors for National Corridor

1060. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed up any prequalification norms/criteria for the tender bidders/contractors, road builders who want to participate in the construction of National Corridor; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Contracting firms are prequalified on the basis of their annual turn over, experience of executing projects of similar nature, access to funds and equipment, experience of key personnel, past performance and bid capacity etc.

Declaration of New National Highways in Kerala

1061. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared a proposal for designating some stretches of roads in Kerala as National Highways; and

(b) if so, which are these stretches of roads and when the work is proposed to be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.